

Application No. 10/585,651

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REMARKS

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement on the above-identified application. Applicants have elected the claims of Group I, with traverse. Traversal is on the grounds that the Examiner's statement that the technical feature linking Groups I and II does not constitute a "special technical feature" appears to have been made following a misreading of claim 1. Applicants point out the claim requirement at lines 4-5 that the polypeptide in the claimed composition not only comprise a therapeutically active portion of lysyl oxidase pro-peptide but also *not* have lysyl oxidase enzymatic activity. Applicants submit that this requirement does constitute a "special technical feature" that defines a contribution over the prior art.

In any event, if the restriction requirement is maintained, Applicants request rejoinder of the process claims of Group II if a product claim is found allowable, as per the Examiner Notes in MPEP § 806.05(h).

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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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